

New Hope News

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This year's Vacation Bible School, Camp E.D.G.E. (Experience and Discover God Everywhere), will be July 6 - 10 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Watch for more details in the next couple of weeks!

Christian Education Committee

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for new members! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Barbi Smith (Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation) at or Sally Terrell (Elder/Committee Chair) .

Young Adult Sunday School Class

For those who are young adults and those who are young at heart! Our class has moved into the Nursery (so those of you who have little ones ... bring them with you!). For the next few weeks, we will be viewing and discussing the NOOMA dvds. Each dvd addresses a particular theological idea. They are stand alone, so if you miss one, you are not "out of the loop." If you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith.

Employment Opportunity

New Hope has a position open for an additional Child Care Provider. This position is scheduled to work on Sunday mornings and at others times child care will be needed. If you know of someone who is reliable, works well with children, and may be interested in this position, please speak with Grace Harmon, Personnel Committee chairperson, at (636) 946-5099. Interested persons may also contact the church office at 936-2200.

Nursery News

We are truly blessed to have Regina Jones to provide child care in our infant nursery. We are also blessed that the number of infants in our congregation is growing, as evidenced by the five infant baptisms as our Easter Vigil Service on April 11. As we continue to grow, we want to be attentive to the needs of our youngest church family members. In order to maintain a quality nursery program, we will do our best to keep child to adult ratios low and to comply with the requirements of the Safe Sanctuary program. In order to do this, we need help! Parents are asked to volunteer twice a quarter (every 3 months) if they are able. Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends are also asked to volunteer occasionally. (Although we prefer volunteers to be Safe Sanctuary certified, it is not a mandate, since our Child Care Provider is certified.)

There is a sign up by the nursery door for each Sunday in May, June and July. If you have any questions, please contact Barbi Smith (636 936-2200) or Christie Tutschulte (441-1285).

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays,
May 24 – July 26

Christian Education
9:00 AM

Worship

10:00 AM

*Sacrament of the
Lord's Supper*

June 7 & July 5

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**Happy
Mother's Day!**

The Deacons will have a small gift for every woman as you leave the sanctuary today.

Youth Happenings

Mid-High Youth Group

Friday, May 15th through Saturday, May 16th – Lock-In at church from 7:00 pm until 8:00 am. We will also be going to Putting Edge at the St. Louis Mills Mall for a round of golf and pizza. Cost of the lock-in will be \$5.00 per youth. We must make a reservation for miniature golf, so please let Amy know no later than Sunday, May 10th if you are able to come. We will also need some parents to help throughout the evening and driving to and from the mall. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Sunday, May 24th – Sunday School at 9:00 am – please note the change in time.

Sunday, May 31st – Sunday School at 9:00 am – please note the change in time. This will also be the last class before summer.

Saturday, June 13th – Working at the OASIS Food Pantry from 9:45 am until 11:45 am – we will be meeting at the food pantry. If you are able to come, please let Amy know.

Saturday, July 11th – Working at the OASIS Food Pantry from 9:45 am until 11:45 am – we will be meeting at the food pantry. If you are able to come, please let Amy know.

Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, May 17th – Servicing dinner at the Ronald McDonald House – We will be meeting at church at 3:30 pm. We will then drive to the Ronald McDonald House, where we will make and serve dinner. We will be returning to church between 8:00 and 8:30 pm. If you would like to go, please let Amy know no later than Sunday, May 3rd to ensure that we have enough drivers. I am also looking for any parents who would be willing to come and help – if you are able and willing to go, please let me know ASAP.

Monday, May 18th – Bible Study from 6:00 until 7:00 at Marissa Malta's house. If you need directions, please call Marissa. Marissa will be leading Bible study.

Sunday, May 24th – Sunday School at 9:00 – Please note the change in time

Sunday, May 31st -- Sunday School at 9:00 – Please note the change in time – This is the last Sunday School Class before the summer break.

Sunday, May 31st – Usher at the 10:00 service. Please be at church no later than 9:30 am. Please no jeans or tennis shoes. If you are able to usher, please let me know ASAP.

Sunday, Mat 31st – Mission Trip Meeting immediately following the 10:00 service – we will be having a short meeting for all youth members and their parents about the upcoming trip. We will be reviewing the details of the week and what to bring. If you are not to attend this meeting, please let me know, so that I can get you the information for the week.

Dates to remember:

Sunday, June 21 through Sunday June 28 – Mission Trip to Detroit, MI

Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2 – Camping/Floating trip

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kitsmiller at 314-795-9759 (cell) or E-Mail at @newhopepc.net

Discovering Church

Membership

...a class for those interested in joining our church family will be offered on

Sunday, May 17

3 - 5 pm

Childcare will be provided. Please call the Church Office at 936-2200 to let us know you will attend.

The three "I's" of Evangelism:

Introduce yourself to our new members and visitors.

Invite them to join you in New Hope activities or out for coffee.

Include them, just as you would wish to be included!

Rascals Game

Join the Pairs and Singles for our annual River City Rascals Baseball game and pre-game parking lot tailgate party, June 13 starting at 4:30. Sign up in the Narthex at the name tag table. \$14 per person buys a shaded seat game admission as well as pre-game fried chicken. Also asking attendees to bring an additional side dish to share, as well as own lawn chairs and drinks. Payment must be made by May 23. An envelope to collect payments will be in the church office. See Cathy Holder for taking payments in the form of either check made out to Patrick Murphy, or cash in separate envelope with name on it. Call Patrick or Robin Murphy at (636) 926-0517 for more information.

Calling All Acolytes!

If your son or daughter, ages 5 and up would like to be an acolyte, please contact Ruth Connor at 936-2818 or call the Church Office at 936-2200. Ruth provides training and will gladly answer any questions you may have. Most acolytes serve once every three months or so, depending on the number of children who participate.

May Meal-a-Month

God bless you for contributing so generously during the month of April! As the number of families who need assistance continues to grow, your generosity allows the pantries to reach more people in these trying times.

Our May menu is:

- 1 lb. pasta
- 1 large can/jar spaghetti sauce
- 2 cans mushrooms
- 1 can each vegetables & fruit
- 1 box/bag of cookies

Please contribute generously!

Kids Fellowship Club

No KFC today – enjoy the day with your mom.

Next week: Kids In the Kitchen!

In the Military

Ken Smith is currently serving the military at Sheppard Air Force Base. He would love to hear from New Hopers! His address is:

E-6 Kenneth W. Smith

7836 527 I AVE Unit A0008

Sheppard AFB, TX 76311-9999

Safe Sanctuary

Why do we do Safe Sanctuary? Several years ago, about the time the program was adopted by New Hope Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Giddings -Lovejoy encouraged ALL churches to institute the program or one like it. Screening and training volunteers and implementing policies and procedures is one of the ways that we work toward providing a safe environment for children and youth, but that is not all that the program does. The Safe Sanctuary Program also protects our church AND our volunteers, *by making the church less desirable to would-be predators, and to those who would falsely accuse volunteers of misconduct for monetary gain (yes, this happens...)*. History and experience has shown that churches with the Safe Sanctuary Program are **generally** avoided by those who come with less than honorable intentions.

Elaine Barbee and Misty Hause do an outstanding screening and training volunteers and helping us to implement the program. Twenty-four volunteers have been trained (or re-trained) so far this year. An additional class is scheduled for **June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.** In order to expedite the class, the Volunteer Application, the Authorization to Release Information and the Covenant Statement are available on the Welcome Table for you to complete before the class.

If you would like to attend this class to become Safe Sanctuary Certified, or if you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200.

Men's BBQ

Men's Fellowship of New Hope is sponsoring their first barbeque outing of the summer on Saturday May 16th from 11-3 pm. Please join us for our famous delicious fare and be prepared for a few surprises. If you are unable to stay, may we suggest ordering a "to go" meal and spend some quality time with your family at a local park or at the pavilion at the back of the property. God bless and see you then.

Bill Irvine

636-300-1573

Thank You!

Del and I want to thank everyone at New Hope for the prayers, cards, visits, and delicious meals provided to us by New Hope members. I have made an incredible recovery from my hip replacement surgery and feel profoundly grateful to all that was done by New Hopers to help speed my recovery. We are particularly thankful and aware that my surgery was at a busy time for the church. I really missed not being able to be in church during the Triduum and Easter morning, but with Deryl Botkin's pictures, Mike Dame's internet coverage and personal descriptions from visitors, I was almost there. Kelly Hurrell is an incredible deacon! Her first visit was passing me in the hall at St. Joe's and the paramedics were speeding me onto the elevator and then to Delmar Gardens in O'Fallon for rehab. Del and I have truly been blessed by New Hope.

Susan Phillips

Preschool News- Moving Day is Almost Here!

On May 23 and 24 the preschool will be "moving in" – bringing all the tables, chairs and other equipment that is being made available to us for purchase by Church of the Shepherd. Since B.L.A.S.T. will be breaking for the summer from May 31 – August 2, and preschool classes will not begin until September, there will be time for all of us to adjust and transition the way we use the rooms on Sunday morning and through the week.

One of the immediate changes, however, is that the existing choir room will become the preschool office. As of May 24 the choir will practice in the Sanctuary. The Current Events Sunday School Class, which has been meeting in the Sanctuary, will move to the Narthex for May 24 and 31 and then to a room on the lower level until the end of July.

This is a very exciting time in the life of our church as we welcome this wonderful opportunity to minister to the community and the youngest of those among us. Please watch the newsletter for more information or contact Barbi Smith, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation at (636) 936-2200

Jim and Debbie Phillips
 invite you to share in a
Celebration
 of the marriage of
Logan and Anita Phillips
 on Saturday the Thirtieth of May
 Four o'clock in the afternoon
 at
 New Hope Presbyterian Church
 1580 Nisker Road
 Saint Charles, Missouri
 Light refreshments and cake will be served.

*Please RSVP using the Response Cards available in the Narthex,
 by calling Jim and Debbie at 636.947.7791 or by emailing to*

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day!
 8:45 Worship & Comm
 9:45 Education Hour
 11:00 Worship & Comm.

Monday, May 11

7:00 Session Mtg.

Tuesday, May 12

10:00 Staff Mtg.
 6:30 N.A. Mtg.
 7:00 A.A. Mtg.

Wednesday, May 13

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14

6:00 Bldg. Comm. Mtg.

Friday, May 15

7:00 Mid-High Lock-In

Saturday, May 16

8:30 Men's Breakfast
 11:00 Men's Barbeque

Sunday, May 17

Happy Mother's Day!
 8:45 Worship & Comm
 9:45 Education Hour
 11:00 Worship & Comm.
 12:15 S. S. Volunteer Lunch
 3:00 KFC
 3:00 New Members Class
 3:30 Sr. High Outing
 6:00 Morris Faith Family

Monday, May 18

6:00 Sr. High Bible Study
 7:00 C. E. Comm. Mtg.
 7:00 Girl Scouts Mtg.

Tuesday, May 19

10:00 Staff Mtg.
 10:30 Stay-at-home-Moms
 Picnic
 6:30 N.A. Mtg.
 7:00 A.A. Mtg.

Thursday, May 21

9:30 Presbytery Stated
 Mtg.

Sunday, May 17

Rick Cassetta
 Rick Etling
 Tyler Etling
 Ken Pinkley
 Kevin Harms
 Joe Seidler

Sunday, May 24

Carol Botkin
 Gary Freeman
 Tyler Salter
 Bill Reilly
 Ruth Reilly
 Jim Pettit
 Joyce McDonald

Substitute List

Al Beamer
 Kathy Beamer
 Bunny Gauthier
 Don Moore
 Allen Sebaugh
 Ann Sebaugh
 Sue Stiegemeier
 Gil Stuenkel
 Sue White
 Jim White
 Kathy Freeman
 Gary Freeman